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Sir:

Prior to taking up this new patent application for action on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page two (2) of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page three (3) of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page seven (7) of this paper.